



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Toronto Fire Services Captain and former Toronto Professional Firefighters' Association (Local 3888) President, Edgar (Ed) Kennedy on October 3, 2020 after a long battle with cancer.

Ed Kennedy began his career as a professional firefighter with the Scarborough Fire Department in 1981. Ed served his community for 39 years, just as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had before him.

Ed was elected as an Executive Officer with Scarborough Professional Fire Fighters Association in 1988, becoming the Vice President in 1995. He became Vice-President of the Toronto Professional Fire Fighters' Association (TPFFA) in 2002, and held that position for eight years before assuming the office of President in May 2010, where he served for over four and a half years representing the 3000 members of the TPFFA. During his tenure, Ed has been a strong advocate and champion of Firefighter issues with the IAFF for Local 3888, leading the way for improvements on municipal, provincial and federal issues.

In 1997 Ed was appointed Chair of the new OPFFA Education Committee, a position he has held for 18 years. Under his leadership, the OPFFA has established a program of semi-annual educational seminars for its members. These seminars, which provide information and education on a wide array of topics are widely recognized and respected across North America.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Kennedy family and Ed's many colleagues in Fire Services and the Toronto Professional Firefighters' Association.

November 25, 2020